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One of the few surviving members of Princeton University's class of 1890, Wright studied medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and first hung out his shingle here in 1894, two years before his marriage to the former Lyde Patton Ritchie, of Philadelphia, with whom he celebrated his Golden Wedding Anniversary this summer. Except for a brief interval in Philadelphia, where he practiced, did hospital work and earned a medical inspectorship in the Quaker City's public schools, Wright has been closely affiliated with this community and its educational institutions, including the Borough Schools, the University, the Hun School and St. Paul's Parochial School. He is still active as medical adviser to the last named institution.

It was in 1913, after he had served the University, that he became medical inspector of the Borough Schools. For the next 25 years, until his retirement from Borough office in 1939, he crusaded for long-range measures which have contributed immeasurably to Princeton's notable health record. Compulsory vaccination against smallpox, the opening of dental clinics, protection against diphtheria and everlasting stress upon the need for detecting tuberculosis in its early stages were among the innovations of the Wright regime in local public schools. Indicative of his foresight was his insistence upon pioneering in the psychological testing of backward pupils, long before American education recognized the wisdom of determining the mental quotients of individual students.

For helping consolidate the tremendous gains achieved by Medical Science by making the prevention of dread diseases a public responsibility; for refusing to bow to advancing years and continuing to live at a youthful clip, enjoying both bridge and detective stories; for laughing off the widespread rumor of his sudden demise with the terse statement, "Please, no flowers"; he is TOWN TOPICS' candidate for

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Building Boom on for Fair. If housing is still short here, it is not for lack of construction currently underway. This week, in the Borough alone (figures are not available in the Township), the value of permits issued during 1946 soared to a record \$5,500,000.

This was nearly twice the total for any previous year in the last 20, when figures were first kept. It was equivalent to all the construction (including all of Palmer Square) undertaken since 1931.

Biggest slice of the year's total, of course, was not new housing but the Firestone Memorial Library. The value of that permit alone; \$3,400,000.

Now Showing: "The Masked Marvel." Out of the gray, pre-dawn fog into the lobby of the Princeton Inn on Tuesday morning walked a masked figure. Seventy-six year old Norman Warner, night watchman, got no request for a room from this unwanted, temporary guest. The demand was for the money in the cash register behind the desk.

The intruder pocketed some \$50 in bills, made no attempt to take anything else, and fled into the night. Warner was sure of little about the robber's description other than that he wore a "black mask with two holes punched for his eyes."

By mid-morning, rumors were the usual dime a dozen, including one that someone at the Inn had been shot. Actually, facts were sketchy but much as

above, and police were not even sure from talking to Warner whether his early-morning visitor had toted a gun.

Hiroshima and Princeton. John Hersey's magnificent article of understatement on the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, which appeared in The New Yorker, cut a wide swath among the U. S. public when it appeared. Among the strongest backers of this poignant prophecy is Mayor Minot C. Morgan, Jr.

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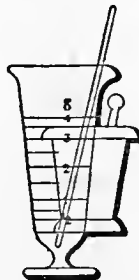
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The old line, "Any taste, any size," is particularly applicable here. Sizes are from nine to twenty; styles from tailored to dressmaker. A visit to 162 Nassau Street should put an end to your suit search.

Elizabeth Arden Compacts. Powdering your nose is a pleasure when you can sport a dashing gold-plated or sterling silver compact. Wilcox's on Nassau Street has two types from which to select a gift for a friend or for yourself: square with a simple maple leaf design or oval decorated by an impressionistic pinwheel. Both are good-looking and properly sized to hold an ample powder supply without overcrowding a pocketbook. From \$5 up.

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Men's Sweaters and Socks. This department has upon occasion suffered twinges of guilty conscience for having somewhat neglected male readers in suggesting clothing buys. We hope that we may be forgiven for two reasons: the shortage of such articles to be discovered and the quality of the two items which are about to be described.

Douglas MacDaid on Nassau Street now has a fine collection of imported Shetland wool sweaters and English socks. The hand-woven sweaters come in colors to catch any masculine eye: canary, gray, natural or heather, their good looks and quality making them worth the \$14 at which they are priced. The all-wool, 6 x 3 ribbed socks at \$1 a pair are available in brown, blue, black, rust, green and maroon. Can any man ask for a greater choice than that?

Harmonicas and Ocarinas. More war-time casualties are back in their old form, which should be welcome news to either would-be Larry Adlers or those

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Day after the article appeared, the mayor telephoned the magazine's editorial offices.

As a result of the call, this week he received permission to reprint in unlimited quantities copies of the Hersey article. Next step will be to devise a plan for underwriting the cost, so that some 2,000 copies may be made available for as low a price as possible to all Princetonians. In academic vernacular, the mayor rightly feels the Hersey article should be tabbed "required reading."

Gleam of Light. Stanworth, the apartment development on Bayard Lane, this week was the subject of the following bulletin from its sponsors:

"Barring unforeseen contingencies, the Company plans to have 45 apartments ready for occupancy November 15. As groups of additional apartments are completed, they will be made available for occupancy, and it is hoped that the entire development can be completed and fully occupied by February 1, 1947."

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Morgan vs. Gulick. When Mayor Morgan challenged Bertrand L. Gulick, Jr., former township committee chairman, by letter to a public debate on the joint planning board, Mr. Gulick heard about the invitation first in the form of a telephone call. "What," said the inquiring reporter, who had a copy of the communication, "are you going to say to the mayor about that debate?"

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Sunday, September 15th

- 7:30, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 a.m.: Mass, St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.
 10:00 a.m.: Princeton United Meeting, Society of Friends, School of Public and International Affairs Building, University Campus.
 11:00 a.m.: "The Invisible Christ," the Rev. Dr. Frank S. Niles, First Presbyterian Church.
 Sermon, the Rev. Dr. Arthur L. Kinsolving, Trinity Episcopal Church.
 Sermon, the Rev. Lynn H. Corson, Methodist Church.
 "Substance," Lesson-Sermon, First Church of Christ, Scientist.
 Sermon, the Rev. Dr. William L. Tucker, Second Presbyterian Church.
 8:00 p.m.: "The Purpose of Jesus," the Rev. Dr. Niles, First Presbyterian Church.
 8:15 p.m.: Evening Service, First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Monday, September 16th

- Juan M. Lopez, contact representative of the Veterans' Administration, has been assigned to the Veterans' Center at Borough Hall and will be available from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, and 9:00-12:00 a.m., Saturdays, to aid veterans with any problems.
 9:00 a.m.: Opening of Miss Fine's School.
 10:30 a.m.: Opening exercises, 135th year of Princeton Theological Seminary; opening address, the Rev. Dr. Stuart Nye Hutchison, East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Miller Chapel, Seminary Campus.

Tuesday, September 17th

- Borough residents, eligible to register for the General Election in November, may do so at Borough Hall between 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, and from 9:00-12:00 a.m., Saturdays. Thursday, September 26th, is the last day for registration for the November election.
 7:00-9:00 p.m.: Special registration period for Borough voters, Borough Hall.

Wednesday, September 18th

- 8:00 p.m.: "The Message of Isaiah to His Age and Ours," the Rev. Dr. Niles, First Presbyterian Church.
 8:15 p.m.: Mid-Week Service, First Church of Christ, Scientist.

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News of the Theatres

The Playhouse

Monsieur Beaucaire (Friday, Saturday) is the latest Bob Hope picture, and a merry piece it is, too. The gay gagster is plunged into the midst of 18th Century France, whose Court he takes over in the role of the country's best swordsman and lover. The fact that he is actually a masquerading barber causes him more than a few moments' uneasiness, but while there's life there's Hope. The pert Joan Caulfield provides the scenery.

The Big Sleep (Sunday through Wednesday) features the dynamic pair of Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall in as rough, tough and fast a story as has come down the pike in some months. Hired by a sardonic old millionaire to help him beat a blackmail rap, Mr. Bogart becomes entangled with a number of adventures, not the least of whom is Miss Bacall. Though the plot is blurred and uneven, it furnishes the basis for a bang-up action picture.

The Searching Wind (Friday, Saturday), screen version of Lillian Hellman's anti-appeasement drama, is interesting if a bit long on words. The story covers the two decades which saw the rise of Fascism topple the world into war in 1939, after the democracies had spent 20 years turning their backs on the machinations of the young Axis. Robert Young and Sylvia Sydney head a capable cast.

The Garden

Boy's Ranch (Friday, Saturday) illustrates the activities on a Texas farm where juvenile delinquents are given the proper slant on life. Documentary in nature, the picture is generally worthwhile.

Night and Day (All Week) will please lovers of Cole Porter music if they can keep from laughing at the ridiculous
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Mr. Gulick's response, "What debate?," was followed a day later (after he had read the letter) by a story in the press that he felt it useless to discuss the matter before October 7. That was the first the mayor had heard that his idea for "acquainting the public with the true facts of the case" had gone aglimmering.

As matters now stand, Mr. Gulick will welcome any comments Mr. Morgan cares to make at the public hearing next month. Whether or not the mayor appears there remains to be seen, but the greatest truth probably still lies in what Mr. Gulick said in refusing the invitation and what TOWN TOPICS has maintained all along: nothing anybody says will change the outcome of the Township Committee's final vote—a widely-anticipated rejection of the measure.

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Miscellany. The resignations, for reasons of health, of Henry G. Duffield and William L. Ulyat from the Board of Adjustment have been received . . . both have done splendid jobs in difficult public offices . . . Mr. Duffield, appointed when the board was formed in 1929, did not miss a meeting for the next 14 years . . . Arthur Bremen has been named to fill one vacancy and Moris Maple is a likely selection for the other. Another municipal appointment is

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that of John C. Cooper to the Housing Authority, replacing Robert A. Benham . . . the housing committee functioning under the development council is progressing well, will come up with several new plans for coordinating existing facilities within the next fortnight.

Seven-year old James H. Mather, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Mather of 36 Edwards Place, was injured slightly on his way home from the first session of the Elementary School Monday . . . police said the youngster ran into the side of a car being driven by Mrs. Virginia D. Blakeman of 65 Westcott Road . . . the accident happened at the intersection of Nassau Street and Washington Road.

NEWS OF THE THEATRES

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manner in which the life-story of the composer is told. Particularly in the scenes at Yale, but generally throughout the film, the Hollywood atmosphere is inane. Cary Grant, Alexis Smith, Monty Wooley and others.

The McCarter

Henry VIII (September 20, 21). Shakesperians and others who enjoy true theatre will find this presentation of the Elizabethian chronicle much to their liking. This little-known drama, not staged in the United States for the past half century, will feature a top-flight cast including Eva Le Gallienne, Victor Jory, Margaret Webster and Walter Hampden. It will be staged under the auspices of the newly-formed American Repertory Theater.

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